



Project AWARE 2015 - Information for New Volunteers

Carabiners – The carabiner with your name on the dog tag is our check in/check out system for when you get on the water. You need your carabiner to get on the water. Attach your carabiner to your canoe partner's carabiner and place in bucket. At the end of the day, retrieve your carabiner. Do NOT pack your carabiner with your camp gear.

What do I need on the river – You'll need your lifejacket, carabiner, paddles, day pack, and lunch when you get on the water. You can take your gear with you on the shuttle or place it in one of the designated gear trucks that will transport volunteer gear to the put in. At the end of the day, bring your river gear with you to the campground or place it on a designated gear truck. Do not leave your gear in trucks overnight.

Meals – Breakfast and lunch will be served at 7 am and dinner at 6 pm. For lunch, ice will be available to keep your lunch cool. A wash line will be set up at each meal for you to wash your dishes. A compost bucket will be available. The lunch line will be open at the same time as the breakfast line. For all meals, a checklist is used to ensure everyone gets the meals ordered.

I have special dietary needs and specified so on my registration form. – The caterers will use special containers for your meals. As you come through the meal lines, be sure to let us know you requested a special meal.

It's morning and we are camping at the same location. Your camping gear can be left up as we will be returning to this camp location at the end of the day. The morning you DO NOT have to break camp is Tuesday July 14.

It's morning and we are moving to a new camping location. Your camping gear we need to be taken down and loaded into the Project AWARE gear trailer before we launch on the water for the day. The mornings you DO have to break camp include Sunday July 12, Monday July 13, and Wednesday July 15.

Halfway Point each day – Each day there will be a designated "halfway" point. At the halfway point will be water thermoses to refill water bottles, coolers with beverages, snacks, and portable toilets. Trash will be unloaded at this location. Volunteers have the option to get off the river at the halfway point if desired. Portable toilet facilities will be available at these locations.

Canoes – Each canoe will have a bow marker. A green bow marker means GO or a public canoe. An orange bow marker means stop, as this is a private canoe.

Whiteboards in campground – Whiteboards will be located at the IOWATER tent and will provide an agenda for each day and any information needed. This will include a shuttle rideboard for those who need a ride back to the previous camping location at the end of the day.

Gear Trucks – Each morning, open bed trucks will be identified as gear trucks. Gear you need on the river can go in these trucks and will be transported to the put in. Otherwise your gear can be taken with you on the shuttle. Do not leave gear in trucks overnight. When returning to camp at the end of the day, the gear will be unloaded near the Project AWARE tent.

Showers – A 15-passenger van will transport you to and from the showers, if needed.

Recycling stands in campground – Recycling stands will be set up in the campground for plastic, cans, and garbage. Please use.

Water Thermoses – Water thermoses will be available in the campground and at halfway locations to fill your water bottles. Sqwincher and/or Gatorade products will be available.

Gloves – it is recommend that gloves be worn while extracting, loading, and unloading trash. Gloves are provided by sponsors and available at the registration area.

Project AWARE T-shirt – be sure that you pick up your Project AWARE T-shirt from the registration table.

Sale Items – Project AWARE and other sale items will be available at the registration table (Kleen Canteen, bandanas, sponge, hats, etc.)

Educational Programs – Each evening, educational programs are offered. See the whiteboard for a listing of each day's programs and when and where the programs will be held.

Storm Shelters – In the event of severe weather, volunteers will be transported to the designated storm shelter.

Lead and Sweep Canoes – Each day on the water there will be a Lead Canoe and a Sweep Canoe. Do not pass the Lead Canoe and do not get behind the Sweep Canoe.

Cutoff Times – Each day there will be a designated cutoff time based on the distance to the halfway point. Anyone not to the halfway point by the designated time will need to come off the river.

Lifejackets – Lifejacket use while on the river is required.

Daily Shuttle – For those days when we will be moving to a new campground, a daily shuttle will be available at the end of the day to get you back to your car if needed. Be sure to sign up for the daily shuttle at the registration table.

Bathroom Facilities – One of the Project AWARE support vehicles will be towing a trailer with two portable toilets. This trailer will be available at the beginning, halfway, and endpoints each day.

I have no paddling partner – Each morning prior to getting on the water, we will identify those who need a partner and have you identify a partner for the day.

Beverage coolers and snack bins – there are several coolers and snack bins with additional nutrition and hydration supplies to supplement meals. Help yourself at any time. If you have special requests please let the registration desk know.

Special Cold Foods Snack Cooler – one of the coolers will be identified as a cold foods snack cooler and will include such items as string cheese, yogurt, etc.

At the end of the day, how do I get to the campground – 15-passenger vans will be used to transport you from the access back to the campground.

First Aid – If you need something in the campground, please go to the registration desk.

Photo sharing – if you take pictures and would like to share them, please bring your camera and download cord to the registration desk.

Tree Cookies – Tree cookies are available as nametags.

Lost and Found – a lost and found box will be at the registration table.